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INVENTOR(S) Toru KIMURA, et al.		EXAMINER Unassigned	GROUP ART UNIT N/A
TITLE OF APPLICATION UPPER LAYER FILM FORMING COMPOSITION FOR LIQUID IMMERSION AND METHOD OF FORMING PHOTORESIST PATTERN			

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. All of the references listed were cited in an International Search Report mailed April 5, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached

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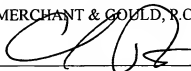
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Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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